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Mr. Goodwin's book in text and illustrations is deeply interesting and will no doubt have a very large circulation.

ROBERT E. LEE, by Philip Alexander Bruce, LL. D. Author of "Economic History of Virginia in the Seventeenth Century," "The Plantation Negro as a Freeman," "Rise of the New South," etc. American Crisis Biographies, Philadelphia. George C. Jacobs & Company, Publishers [1907], pp. 380.

Whatever Mr. Bruce does is evolved with historical accuracy and in his life of Robert E. Lee this historic nicety is mellowed and illuminated with a delicate tenderness which makes this new story of an old subject unique and interesting.

Mr. Bruce dwells with much feeling and enthusiasm upon General Lee's heredity—his West Point life—his courtship and marriage, and his romantic military life even before 1861, giving much stress and detail to his brilliant Mexican experience.

The greatest effort and the minutest detail Mr. Bruce places upon the crucial years 1861-1865, when Lee's achievement was greatest and the closing chapters, in a spirit of reverence and devotion, tell of the pathetic close of a splendid career.

The author, with much skill, and an evident knowledge of the much disputed questions, shows that the "Seceding States" were clearly within their constitutional and historic rights, when they withdrew from the Union in 1860-1861.

His precise and adroit handling of this interesting question would in itself make the book worth reading.

His reasons for the failure of the Confederacy are subtle and plausible—although all of his readers may not agree with him.

General Lee's character from the pages of this book looms up with magnificent clarity, his splendid unselfishness joined to unusual judgment is the key-note of the book.

The literary force of this book corresponds to its historic value, and makes the reading of it a pleasure to the critic as well as the historian.

This latest work of a distinguished historian must distinctly add to his already well-earned reputation.

THE TRUE PATRICK HENRY. By George Morgan, Author of "John Littlejohn of J." "The Issue," etc. With twenty-four illustrations. Philadelphia and London. J. B. Lippincott Co., pp. 492.

The object of the publishers in initiating this "True" series was undoubtedly that the results of scholarly investigation might be presented to the public in a bright, popular and readable style. Too of-

ten the methods of investigation and of writing have been those of a rather unscrupulous reporter trying to make a "good story" for his daily paper.

Not so with the book before us. This new life of Patrick Henry bears every indication of original research and thought; but at the same time has all the good and few of the bad features of the most crisp and up-to-date newspaper writing. It is a true book and emphatically a readable one.

Mr. Morgan has studied the life of the great orator with the most painstaking care and with full sympathy, and has made what will be for "the general reader the very best book on the subject ever written. Few but students have the opportunity to know Mr. Wm. Wirt Henry's massive and learned life of his grandfather; but Mr. Morgan's book (which has met with the hearty approval and received the assistance of Mr. Henry's family) is one which every Virginian and all others who are interested in American history should read.

It is one of the very few biographies of the heroes of the Revolutionary period which one reads, not merely for instruction or as a matter of duty; but with genuine pleasure. It may almost be said that there is not a dull page in it.

The illustrations, many of which are presented for the first time, have the great merit of all representing things the reader wishes to see.

PHILOSOPHIA ULTIMA OR SCIENCE OF THE SCIENCES. Vol. III. The Scientific Problems of Religion and the Christian Evidences of the Physical and Psychical Sciences. By the late Charles Woodruff Shields, D. D., LL. D., Professor in Princeton University. Charles Woodruff Shields, A Biographical Sketch. By William Milligan Sloane. New York, Charles Scribners' Sons. 1905.

From the point of view of a Virginia historical publication this book is of interest as containing a full and sympathetic study by Professor Sloane, of the life of his distinguished colleague. Dr. Shields was of Virginia descent and was a member of this Society.

THE LOYALTY OF THE CLERGY OF THE CHURCH OF ENGLAND IN VIRGINIA TO THE COLONY IN 1776 AND THEIR CONDUCT. By R. S. Thomas. Richmond, Wm. Ellis Jones, Book and Job Printer, 1907. [Printed for the Author], pp. 22.

Major R. S. Thomas, of Smithfield, Va., formerly historiographer of the Diocese of Southern Virginia, combats in this pamphlet the idea, which has been so generally accepted, that the clergy of the Established Church in Virginia were, in the main, opposed to the Revolution and loyal to England. He proves conclusively that this belief is